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| In re Patent Application of | ) | <b>MAIL STOP AMENDMENT</b> |
| Yousuki Moriuchi et al.     | ) |                            |
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**DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANCE OF TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW**

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Sir:

Examiner Erezzo telephoned the undersigned in the early part of January 2008 to discuss the changes to Claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 20-22, 29 and 30 shown in the Examiner's Amendment accompanying the Notice of Allowability issued in this application. The noted changes were requested primarily to address matters of form (e.g., to ensure antecedent basis) to place the application in allowable form. For example, the changes to the dependent claims were requested to ensure proper antecedent basis and the changes to Claim 1 were requested so it is apparent the previous claim language referring to ridges and bottoms in the plural means what the claim previously set forth and what the claim now recites. The undersigned authorized the Examiner to make the changes by way of an Examiner's Amendment.

Should any questions arise concerning this paper, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

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